Before the First 5 Placer Children & Families Commission, County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: RESOLUTION opposing Proposition 1D (the Budget Act of 2008, California Children and Families Act: Use of funds: Services for children), which is on the Ballot for the May 19, 2009, Special Election entitled "PROTECTS CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUNDING. HELPS BALANCE STATE BUDGET".

Resolution No. 09-01

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission of Pacer County at a regular meeting held MARCH 12, 2009, by the following vote on roll call:

Aves:

GOINS, MCDONALD, HOLMES, NAYLOR-GOODWIN, EDGERTON,

ROWEN REYNOSO

Noes:

NONE

Abstained:

BURTON

Absent:

HASWELL

Signed and approved by me after the passage.

Chair, First 5 Placer Children & Families Commission

Attest:

Administrative Clerk

WHEREAS, In November 1998, California voters passed Proposition 10, the California Children and Families First Act, increasing the state excise tax on cigarettes by 50 cents per pack beginning on January 1, 1999, earmarking all revenues raised by the additional tax for early childhood development programs; and

WHEREAS First 5 Commissions provide one of the few funding sources for prevention and early intervention for our youngest children; and

WHEREAS, these tobacco tax dollars come directly to Placer County and are allocated based on the needs of children and families in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1998 through June 2009, First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission will have distributed \$23,650,789 of tobacco tax dollars to the community to support early child development; and

WHEREAS, the First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission has been a conservative, financial steward of these tobacco tax dollars spending less than 15% annually for administration, and has held agencies receiving funding accountable for demonstrating outcomes for children prenatal to age five and their families; and

WHEREAS one in eight Placer County children, prenatal through age five were provided services as a result of First 5 Placer funding during the fiscal year ending June 2008, and

WHEREAS in the current fiscal year, First 5 Placer will contribute nearly \$4.6 million dollars and 85 jobs to Placer County's economy; and

WHEREAS Proposition 1D on the May 19, 2009 special election ballot would, if passed, reduce Proposition 10 funding to Placer County by 50% to 65% over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it is uncertain whether tobacco tax dollars redirected under Proposition 1D would come back to Placer County, and

WHEREAS, such a reduction in revenue would impact First 5 funded services to children and families in Placer county.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission hereby opposes Proposition 1D, on the ballot for the Special Election, May 19, 2009.